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SUBJECT POST-PROTOCOL PRESS THEMES

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1. DEPT APPRECIATES THOUGHTFUL PRESENTATION BY EMBASSY OF VIEWS REGARDING PRESS THEMES WHICH COULD BE USED FOLLOWING THE INITIALING AND SIGNING OF THE LAO PROTOCOL, AND SPOKESMEN WILL DRAW FROM IT ON BACKGROUND. WE WILL ALSO EXERPT PORTIONS OF IT FOR ON-THE-RECORD USE BY SPOKESMAN. WE WOULD HOPE, AND EXPECT, THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT ITSELF WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN COMMENTING AND INTERPRETING THE MEANING OF THE PROTOCOLS.

2. WITH THAT IN MIND, WE WOULD PROPOSE USING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BOTH HERE AND IN VIENTIANE BY US SPOKESMEN AFTER THE SIGNING. (FYI. IN WASHINGTON WE INTEND TO USE THIS STATEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO SOUVANNA. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH RLG REGARDING THEIR INTENDED USE OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER IN POST-PROTOCOL SIGNING PUBLICITY. END  
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FYI.)

BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT: THE US WELCOMES THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOLS TO CARRY OUT THE FEBRUARY 21, 1973 AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN LAOS.

WE HOPE THE AGREEMENT WILL SECURE THE PEACE AND FREEDOM FROM AGGRESSION WHICH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND HIS PEOPLE HAVE PURSUED A SOLUTION AT SUCH GREAT SACRIFICE.

THE US STANDS READY TO CONTINUE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE FORMED SHORTLY IN LAOS.

THE US WILL, OF COURSE, BE GUIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOLS AND BY THE WISHES OF PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND THE NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. WE EXPECT ALL OTHER PARTIES TO DO THE SAME AND TO RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF LAOS." RUSH

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